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RAMONA AIRPORT OPEN HOUSE SEPTEMBER 18

Aerial Displays, Vintage Fighter Planes, Tours, Big-Rig Truck Show All Free to the Public

Vintage WW II fighter planes, experimental aircraft, firefighting air tankers, helicopters, a "Tricked-out Big Rig Truck Show" and more will be on display from 7 a.m. to 3 p.m. Sept. 18 at Ramona Airport's 53rd annual Open House.

The event, which is free to the public, will also feature tours of the airport's traffic control tower, the Classic Rotors Helicopter Museum, the U.S. Forest Service's Helitac Base and CAL FIRE Air Attack Base; a crafts fair and children's games promoting fire and forest safety. Smokey Bear, a perennial favorite of the children, will also be on hand. Parking is free. Food, including a pancake breakfast and Mexican-food lunch, will be available for a nominal fee.

This is always a great family event," Bo Donovan, airport manager. "It's also a great way for us to let the public see what a great asset our airport is."

Ramona Airport, one of the County's eight community airports, also serves as the joint firefighting air attack base of CAL FIRE and the U.S. Forest Service. CAL FIRE started flying fire missions out of the airport in 1957, making it the state fire agency's oldest air attack base.

This year's open house will again include a "Tricked-out Big Rig Truck Show," which will feature more than 30 customized new and vintage trucks, including Peterbilts, Kenworths, Freight Liners and others.

The airport's flight schools and businesses will also be open to the public at the event. Ramona Airport is located at 2926 Montecito Road in Ramona.

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